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Johnson banks on local cred for votes

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Rick Johnson was officially nominated as the Liberal candidate for the upcoming byelection in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock at a ceremony in Lindsay on February 2.

More than 50 supporters, many with "vote local" buttons adorning their sweaters and suit jackets, filled the banquet hall at the Lindsay Golf and Country Club for the event.

After being formally nominated by members of the local Liberal riding association, Johnson, a professional musician and trustee chair for the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, took the podium.

Johnson began his speech by thanking association members for attending, Premier Dalton McGuinty for his leadership and Ontario Environment Minister John Gerretsen, who spoke later in the evening, for his support.

He then set his sights on John Tory. "Thank you finally to John Tory for taking time out of his day to drive up here every day," Johnson said. "It's a long way from Bay Street."

He proceeded by saying that the upcoming byelection "should not be about personalities, but about principles."

These principles, Johnson said, include maintaining dignity for a growing elderly population in an unstable

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Liberal Rick Johnson and Progressive Conservative John Tory both were officially nominated to run in the upcoming byelection by their prospective parties. They have been actively campaigning against each other for weeks. See story on Tory's nomination on page 2. Photos by Chad Ingram.

Taxes to increase 2.5% in Minden

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Residents of Minden Hills township can expect an increase in their municipal tax rates for 2009.

A tax rate increase of 2.5 per cent was part of the 2009 budget reviewed and discussed by Minden Hills council members at a January 28 meeting.

The tax hike comes after the township acquired an approximate deficit of \$375,000 during 2008.

Minden Hills treasurer Lorrie Blanchard said last week that \$90,000 of those deficit costs came as the result of uncontrollable, mandated policing costs.

"The balance pertains to internal departmental

over-expenditures that were largely due to uncontrollable external factors," Blanchard said in a statement concerning the deficit.

"These factors include weather [and associated overtime], heating oil and fuel prices, repairs and maintenance for aging infrastructure, unrealized revenues relating to the current economic climate. Some of these additional expenses were offset by supplemental assessment, investment income and the sale of property."

The 2009 budget includes approximately

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Liberals target Tory in byelection campaign

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economic climate, preserving quality education for young people and working together to revitalize what he called a "stagnant economy" in the riding.

"Most importantly it should be about coming together," he said.

Johnson, who made sure to point out that he has resided in the riding for the past 22 years, also spoke to what he said is the importance of having a local candidate in the provincial legislature.

"We need an agent at Queen's Park whose voice can be heard," he told the crowd.

"We need a voice that unites . . . not a voice that calls only for its own causes."

The only reason the byelection is taking place, Johnson said, is because Tory wants to save his job as leader of the provincial Progressive Conservative party.

"As a musician, I may not be a Mozart, but I know a few chords," he said. "And I know when someone is singing off key."

Johnson spoke of quality education as being not only the key to resolving the current economic downturn, but also vital to a more prosperous future.

"Education means safer communities," he said. "Education means greener communities."

While on the topic of education, Johnson couldn't resist taking another shot at Tory, whose unsuccessful 2007 election bid hinged largely on a plan to fund religious schools in Ontario.

"In the last provincial election, John Tory's PCs got a bit of an education," he said, pointing out

that Tory lost in his home riding of Don Valley West.

"And now he comes to teach us how it's done up here, which may suggest he learned nothing at all."

Johnson said he would like to facilitate a program whereby seniors in the riding could hire students to help them do work around their homes.

He also said he would work to preserve heritage sites such as Kinmount's Austin Sawmill and Lindsay's Academy Theatre.

"Local kids should be encouraged to come back and live and work here," he said.

In concluding his speech, Johnson commented on the long history of solid local representation, "of all stripes," the riding has enjoyed.

"We have an opportunity to have another local voice at Queen's Park," he said.

"You are a tough act to follow because you basically stole my speech," Gerretsen told Johnson as he took to the podium.

Like Johnson, Gerretsen spoke at length about the importance of education.

He also had encouraging words for the would-be Liberal MPP.

"There is no such thing as an unwinnable riding," he said, pointing out that his own Kingston riding was a Conservative stronghold for 80 years.

Gerretsen described Johnson as "truly an excellent local candidate," and encouraged those present to go out and talk to their neighbours about the importance of voting for a local.

The premier has yet to set a date for the byelection.



Chris Bishop/Special to the Times

John Tory hit the slopes of Sir Sam's this weekend with fellow Conservative, local MP Barry Devolin.

Tory bones up on local issues

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Provincial Conservative leader John Tory officially launched his campaign to become MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock at a nomination ceremony in Lindsay on January 29. More than 60 supporters, many waving "Tory" signs, packed a conference room at the Lindsay Inn for the nearly hour-long ceremony.

Tory was officially nominated as the party's candidate for the upcoming byelection by outgoing MPP Laurie Scott, who announced January 9 she would vacate her seat in the legislature to give the party leader a shot at carrying the riding. After his nomination was seconded by riding association member Joe Hickson, Tory took his turn at the microphone.

"May I begin with two very sincere expressions of gratitude," Tory said, thanking first the local riding association and then Scott.

Tory went on to credit some of

riding's former PC MPPs.

"Leslie Frost, beloved premier for over a decade, set a high standard of public service. From the Hodgson family to the Scott family, I know the high quality of representation this riding has enjoyed," he said.

Tory told the crowd he'd been spending much of his time during the last few weeks meeting people in the constituency and referenced Frost's old-fashioned method of political campaigning and polling, which had been to spend time in the area's barbershops and other businesses.

"In today's world, we have Tim Hortons to add to those barbershops, but the principle is the same," he said. "Listen to the people and you can't go wrong. The dozens of visits I have already made to those Tim Hortons and to Spence's and Wally's and the Legion halls, hardware stores, living room and farm kitchens show my total commitment to listening to you." Tory held a meet-and-

greet at the Minden Legion last Tuesday. Improved infrastructure, improved health care and improved job opportunities were some of the platform points the would-be MPP hit upon during his speech and he told the crowd he knew he could get things done.

"Already, I am using the platform I am privileged to be given as party leader to promote this area," he said. "When I talk about hospitals, I talk about Ross Memorial and Haliburton Highlands, our hospitals. When I need an example of transportation infrastructure we should get on with, it's Highways 35 and 407 and 404 I use as examples."

He also took aim at the current Liberal government, saying it has been ignoring the voices of people outside of Toronto. Tory toured a number of tourist destinations in Haliburton County during the weekend and was at Lindsay's Ross Memorial Hospital on Tuesday morning to talk about health care.

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Stoke your inner fire with guided meditation

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

The lights inside the Rails End Gallery are dim. Calming music flows from the speakers of a small stereo. For the next two hours the soothing voice of Ryan Dawson will take me on a guided journey through meditation.

From what I'd heard of his 2000 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School valedictorian's speech, Dawson has a way with words. After a brief discussion with him at the beginning of the evening, I decide to just sit, watch, take notes, and ask questions later.

So I took to the floor, notebook in hand, with the other 10 or so participants and listened to Dawson's words. It wasn't long before I abandoned my notepad and began to drift away.

The two-hour session flew by and upon its conclusion I was totally and utterly relaxed.

The word meditation likely scares away some people.

"I really do wish I had a different, better word to describe it than meditation because there's a lot of association that goes along with that," said Dawson. "And I think sometimes that people can find [the word meditation] a bit daunting or arduous or kind of intimidating."

Dawson, 27, was born and raised in the Minden area, attended Hal High, and is currently working at the family business, Wintergreen Maple Products in Gelert. His discovery and development of mediation came from his own necessity, desperation, and personal exploration – "a want to see things for what they are," he says – and as a way to stay positive in life.

"I was having a hard time quieting the mind, calming the body," he said. "So the meditation – the words, images, and the analogies – are the sort of things I came up with to act as a bridge between the two worlds; the every day and the sublime kind of world."

We've all learned at one time or another

that life isn't fair and it can often throw things at us that we're not prepared for.

Our minds get filled with unwanted or distracting thoughts and feelings that can get in the way of our everyday life. Eventually those unwanted distractions can lead to stress, sickness, or even chronic unhappiness.

Meditation, Dawson says, is "an opportunity to spend some time with our self and see what's there."

The following day I told him the session was like a mental massage or inexpensive therapy. I was curious if part of his goal was to help people.

"Yeah, it's like the whole idea that we're all in this together, no one's an island," he said.

"For me it's just a journey inwards, stoke those inner fires, tend those inner gardens; it's an opportunity to take a bit of a break of the onslaught of everyday living."

It reminded me of a time I overheard someone say they seek professional help once or twice a year for an "oil change of the mind."

Some people do boxing, some do tai chi, others do crossword puzzles; some even like to do house work. Dawson says the guided meditation is just something that makes him happy and doesn't like to give it a name.

"I think it's one of those things that we all feel in our own way maybe, or give it different names, give it different places," he said. "I guess that's what I'm doing, trying to make a non-denominational kind of thing."

He knows guided meditation isn't for everyone and he understands there are people who will always believe it's phooey. But he's got nothing to hide.

"It's the same old stuff under the sun," he said. "I just try and do it in my own way."

What I found most interesting about Dawson's guided meditation was that he added humour to the mix and he didn't shy away from negativity.

"I think negativity's very important," said Dawson. "I found a great deal of insight from that side. I like the idea that it's all energy and we assign it, good or bad, to sort of

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Join Ryan Dawson at the Rails End Gallery on Thursday evenings for guided meditation.

moral standpoints.

"That's where all the good stuff invariably comes from," he said.

Take some of the best music or art ever created and you'll often see it doesn't come from a good place. However, it is the expression of the artist and the overall message that we relate to and may even make us feel better.

The guided mediation sessions began at the Rails End Gallery in November. Dawson says he'll continue doing them so long as people continue to attend.

Guided meditation runs Thursday nights

from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and is by donation. Dawson takes nothing for himself; the money goes back to the gallery to offset such things as heating costs.

Dawson's intention or hope behind the sessions is "for us to use what is within us, this great storehouse of energy, of potential beauty and mystery, by endeavouring to quiet our minds and calm our bodies so we can become in touch with those many wonders and delights."

I couldn't have said it better myself. No really, I couldn't.

Maple Syrup Workshop promises sweet results

The Parry Sound-Muskoka Stewardship Network, in partnership with the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council and Atkinson Maple Syrup Supplies is pleased to announce our next workshop in the Stewardship Series. Titled "Maple Syrup - Operations and Opportunities," this workshop is for woodlot owners and outdoor enthusiasts interested in learning more about starting up a maple syrup operation or expanding an existing one.

The workshop will be held on February 23 at the Dorset Community Centre. The workshop starts at 9 a.m. and goes to 3:30 p.m.

The morning sessions will cover topics such as woodlot management for maple syrup, forest health updates, what's new in syrup equipment and technology, food safety tips and marketing your syrup products. Participants will also hear from local producers with tips on going from buckets to tub-

ing. After a hot lunch of pancakes, sausages and of course local maple syrup, participants will be taken on an afternoon field trip to a local 1,200-tap family sugarbush operation near Dorset. Here you will have an opportunity to view tap line and sugar shack layout, discuss forest management options and receive hands-on tips on setting up for the syrup season.

Pre-registration by phone or email for this

workshop is required, with a cost of \$25 per adult at the door (\$10 per child), which includes lunch, take-home materials and field trip.

Registration and coffee begins at 8:15 a.m. with the workshop starting at 9 a.m. sharp and ending at 3:30 p.m. Contact Lindsay Christie at the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council at 286-5206, or fax 286-4355, or email lindsay.christie@ontario.ca

Landfills no place for unwanted cats: manager

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The manager of the area's landfills is asking that residents refrain from dumping cats at the waste disposal sites.

Greg Marshall, who manages landfills for the townships of Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands, said last week that along with household waste and recyclables, people are leaving live cats at dumps in the area.

Three cats have been left at Minden Hills's Scotch Line landfill so far this winter, Marshall said, and even more at the Hawk Lake landfill in Algonquin Highlands.

"You can tell they're not dump cats," Marshall said, explaining that the felines will often approach people and cars. "These are domestic animals."

While Marshall said a small contingent of feral "dump cats" are able to survive in the area's landfills, he said their domesticated counterparts simply lack the instincts to survive a cold, Haliburton winter outdoors.

"It's heartbreaking to see," he said. "They're literally

starving to death."

Marshall said so far, he and his employees have been successful in finding homes for all of the cats left at the landfills he manages. "Whenever we get one, we've been able to find a home for it, but it kind of puts a burden on us," he said.

Marshall himself already has four cats at home.

So far, Marshall said he hasn't caught anyone in the act of dumping a cat. "They're pretty inconspicuous about it," he said, but added he has been suspicious of people a few times. "They leave and then [the cats] show up," he said.

Marshall said he didn't think most of these people were knowingly committing an act of cruelty.

"I think they honestly think there'll be food," he said. "But there isn't."

The problem is not a new one, Marshall said, but rather has been ongoing for years. Once he even found a box of abandoned kittens. "We're all animal-lovers here," he said of his employees, explaining that they all feel a moral obli-



Chad Ingram/TIMES

Landfill manager, Greg Marshall, said there is a trend of cats being left at landfill sites in the area.

gation to find the abandoned animals homes.

Marshall is asking that people with unwanted cats take them to shelters or contact the SPCA.

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BASIC BOOKKEEPING - Dennis Casey

Wednesday February 11th, 2009 - 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: \$20.
A 3 hr. overview for sole proprietors/partners covering Statement of Business Activity - Form T2124 & T2032, calculations for automobile & house expenses and capital cost allowance.

INCOME TAX PREPARATION FOR THE SELF-EMPLOYED - Jim Blake

Friday February 13th, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm. Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: \$10. + GST, Arts Council Members FREE.
For anyone who is self-employed with specific information for artists.

MAKING DIGITAL IMAGES WORK FOR YOU - GETTING STARTED - Tammy Rea

Tuesday February 17th, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm. Fleming College, Haliburton - Computer Lab. Fee: \$35. + GST, Arts Council Members \$20. + GST.
Learn how to use basic photo editing software, retrieve images from your camera, file formats, storage and preparing images for print documents and email. Students are required to supply their own images. Limited space.

WEBSITE PLANNING & EVALUATION - Mark Coles

Tuesday February 24th, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm. Fleming College, Haliburton - Computer Lab. Fee: \$25.
Understanding the principles behind creating an effective and successful web presence in the marketplace.

BUSINESS PLANNING FOR WOMEN - Fay Martin

Thursday February 26th, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm. Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: \$20.
This workshop will validate the particular strengths and values that women bring to business by taking a holistic approach to the challenge of meeting financial targets while accommodating life circumstances.

GETTING MEDIA ATTENTION - David Israelson of Media Profile

Friday February 27th, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm. Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: \$35. + GST, Arts Council Members \$20. + GST.
David will walk you through the tools, techniques and trade secrets to get your story in the news. Workbook included.

QUICK BOOKS FOR YOUR BUSINESS - Robert Hall, CMA

Tuesday March 3rd, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: \$20.
A 3 hour overview of this popular accounting software program.

ONLINE PROMOTION & SEARCH ENGINE OPTIMIZATION (SEO) - Mark Coles

Thursday March 5th, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton - Computer Lab. Fee: \$25.
SEO, is a strategy to enhance the marketing of your website to attain the most visibility online.

MANAGING FOR TOUGH TIMES - Lon Duncombe

Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: \$30. each or 3 for \$75.
Monday March 9th, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - ANALYSING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Wednesday March 11th, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - PROFIT & LOSS VS. CASH FLOW
Thursday March 12th, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - MANAGING FOR CASH
This 3 part workshop will include Analyzing Financial Statements, Budgeting (profit vs cash flow), Managing for Cash (what to chop, what to keep).

WORKING WITH DIGITAL IMAGES - INTERMEDIATE - Tammy Rea

Tuesday March 10th, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm. Fleming College, Haliburton - Computer Lab. Fee: \$35. + GST, Arts Council Members \$20. + GST.
This workshop will cover putting digital images into Powerpoint presentations and web applications, using software for photo editing and more.

MARKETING DYNAMICS - Mike Jaycock

Tuesday March 31st, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - Haliburton Curling Club (Lower Level). Fee: \$30.
A "roll up your sleeves" seminar to provide you with a planning process that will work for your business communications. Bring your along your "burning" communication issue for discussion.

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PST/GST - Reps. from Federal & Provincial Governments

Wednesday April 15th, 2009 - 6:00pm to 9:00pm - Haliburton Curling Club (Lower Level). Free
How to complete your forms, understand the differences between PST & GST, Clarify your responsibilities for collecting and remitting tax credits and overpayments, answer your questions.

CUSTOMER SERVICE EXCELLENCE - Carey McMaster

Thursday April 30th, 2009 - 6:00pm to 9:00pm - Haliburton Curling Club (Lower Level). Fee: \$20.
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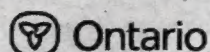
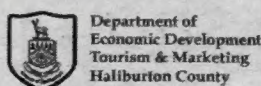
Thursday May 7th, 2009 - 6:00pm to 9:00pm - Haliburton Curling Club (Lower Level). Fee: \$20.
This workshop will focus on clear communication as the basis of good work relationships. It will look at job descriptions, job interviews, job performance evaluations and feedback as a way of identifying and correcting employment problems.

MANAGING STRESS IN THE WORKPLACE - Dr. Jack Russel

Monday May 11th, 2009 - 6:00pm to 9:00pm - Haliburton Curling Club (Lower Level). Fee: \$20.
Managing personal stress will improve workplace performance. This workshop will focus on learning how to manage stress and develop strategies to overcome it.

OVERCOMING PROCRASTINATION - Dr. Jack Russel

Wednesday May 13th, 2009 - 6:00pm to 9:00pm - Haliburton Curling Club (Lower Level). Fee: \$20.
Identifying procrastination behaviors and developing strategies to implement better time management.



Tory calls 407 announcement 'convenient'

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The reeve of Minden Hills hopes the recently announced extension of Highway 407 will be a boon for the village of Minden and for Haliburton County.

The Ontario government announced on January 27 that it would extend the toll route, which currently ends at Brock Road in Ajax, east into the riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, connecting with highways 35 and 115 in Clarington.

Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon said he hopes the extension will make Hwy. 35 a more viable commercial transportation route and that Minden and other communities in the county will reap the economic rewards.

"I think that it can do nothing but help," McMahon said. "The more connected the transportation route, the better."

McMahon said he thought the province had spent plenty of money in recent years expanding infrastructure and that it was time Hwy. 35 was connected to the province's economic heart in the GTA.

News of the highway expansion was not greeted with as much enthusiasm by PC leader and would-be Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP John Tory, who called the timing of the 407 "convenient" in a January 27 press release.

"Up until today, Dalton McGuinty has done next to nothing to advance the project," Tory said in the release.

"This has never been a priority for the McGuinty Liberals. Why, with a byelection pending, are they now so keen to help this region when they never have before?"

The extension of highways 407, 404 and the widening of Hwy. 35 have been key talking points for Tory during his campaign to become the riding's MPP.

The existing section of the 407 will continue to be owned and operated by the private firm 407 ETR, which bought the highway from Ernie Eves's PC government in 1999.

The province will operate the new section of the toll route.



See the Photo Gallery
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Annie has been chosen

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

Twelve-year-old Michelle Bailey's got all of the pieces to make the perfect Orphan Annie for this summer's production; she won the 2008 young singer award, placed first in public speaking at her school, has acted in eight plays and can dance tap, jazz and ballet.

She also has a head of long, blond, straight hair.

That last part can be changed.

"I'm anxious to see what I will look like," Michelle said of the pending transition to red curls.

"It will grow back."

Michelle's family has cottaged on Little Boshkung Lake near Carnarvon for generations and when they saw the posting on the *Minden Times* website that *Annie* would be one of the plays produced by the Highlands Summer Festival, she had to try out.

She's already had some experience with the play. The first time she ever scored a

role, Michelle played one of the orphans in *Annie* at the South Simcoe Theatre near her hometown of Midhurst.

"[*Annie*] has good music and stuff and I just like her part," Michelle said.

Every weekend beginning in April, Michelle and her mom Nancy will be coming up to the cottage to practise for the show that begins June 29 and has 10 performances.

A host of local kids got parts as the orphans - Hannah Klose, 10, Betty Paton, 9, Charlotte Paton, 6, Emma Paul, 13, and Kathleen Tedford, 13 - Annie McBrien from Toronto is the last orphan.

In January, Michelle auditioned with more than 20 other kids vying for the chance to play the orphan and it was "her extensive stage experience" along with her "presentation" and "confidence" that ultimately led the judges to choose her, said director Scot Denton.

Her resume details a lengthy career (for being 12 years old) that includes participation in *The Sound of Music*, *Seussical the*

Musical and *Anything Goes*.

In addition to vocal lessons, dance instruction, and a plethora of plays, Michelle also skis, water-skis, swims and plays basketball and volleyball with her school teams.

During the summer, the whole family will be at the cottage.

Michelle's brother, who is in university now, runs a handyman service in the area for the summer and her dad works in Huntsville.

Michelle said she plans to keep on acting and hopes to act as a profession one day.

Her dream play: "I'd like to be in *Wicked*. That's my favourite musical," she said.

She'd like to play the Good Witch Glenda - then she'd get to keep her long, blond hair.

Highlands Summer Festival is looking for a local dog to play Sandy. He or she needs to have sandy coloured fur and be trained to perform in front of large crowds. Call Betty Mills if you have a pup in mind 457-1354.



Local cottager, Michelle Bailey will play the lead in this year's summer production of *Annie*.

Pickup falls through ice on Gull Lake

A pickup truck went through the ice on Gull Lake Saturday morning, police are reporting.

Three men were trying to get to their fish hut in their Ford truck when it broke through the ice. All of them were able to get out of the vehicle before it sank and none was injured.

OPP remind the public that it is risky to take vehicles onto frozen lakes because ice conditions change daily. Everyone should err on the side of caution.

Three fined for hunting baited ducks

Three Minden men have been fined a total of \$3,000 for hunting ducks in a baited area.

David Byrnes, 26, Ronald Stevens, 24, and Chad Pentney, 24, pleaded guilty to hunting waterfowl in a baited area. They were each fined \$1,000 and had their licences to hunt migratory game birds sus-

pending for one year.

The court heard that on the morning of September 20, 2008, Ministry of Natural Resources conservation officers heard shooting and investigated an area near a pond north of Little Gull Lake in Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Provincial Park in Lutterworth Township.

After officers checked the three men at their vehicles, the officers examined the pond and found kernels and particles of corn in the area of the duck blind the hunters had used.

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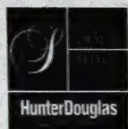
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

What are we waiting for?

IN POLITICS, as in comedy, timing can be crucial.

And it would seem that Premier Dalton McGuinty is taking timing into serious consideration as he prepares (he is still preparing, isn't he?) to call a byelection in the riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

After Laurie Scott announced on January 9 that she would be vacating her seat to allow PC leader John Tory a shot at carrying this riding, the premier responded by saying he would be calling the byelection "as soon as possible."

Now, it's true that at that time, the other parties required a few weeks to select candidates of their own.

Nearly a month has transpired since and the Liberals and Greens have both announced candidates and the NDP and Reform parties have both announced they will be choosing candidates shortly.

This is probably it, Dalton.

This is probably "as soon as possible."

Let's get on with it.

The people of this riding are being faced with a byelection that most didn't want and that most would like to get over with.

So just what is going through the premier's mind?

Why is he stalling in the calling of the byelection?

Perhaps the premier is allowing time for Liberal candidate Rick Johnson to make the rounds, get out into the riding and spread his message.

It is true that Tory had an advantage over his opponents in that he was the only one who knew the byelection was coming before rumours of Scott's resignation began to circle on January 8.

Or perhaps the premier is allowing the news of his January 27 promise to extend Hwy. 407 to meet Hwy. 35 in Clarington some time to resonate with locals.

It seems that he was taking timing into account with the infrastructure announcement last week.

Tory was right in saying that McGuinty's decision to extend the highway now, when it has been on the books for years, seems very "convenient."

The leader of the Ontario Reform party even believes the premier is waiting until planting season so that farmers (apparently none of whom vote for liberal parties) will be too busy to vote.

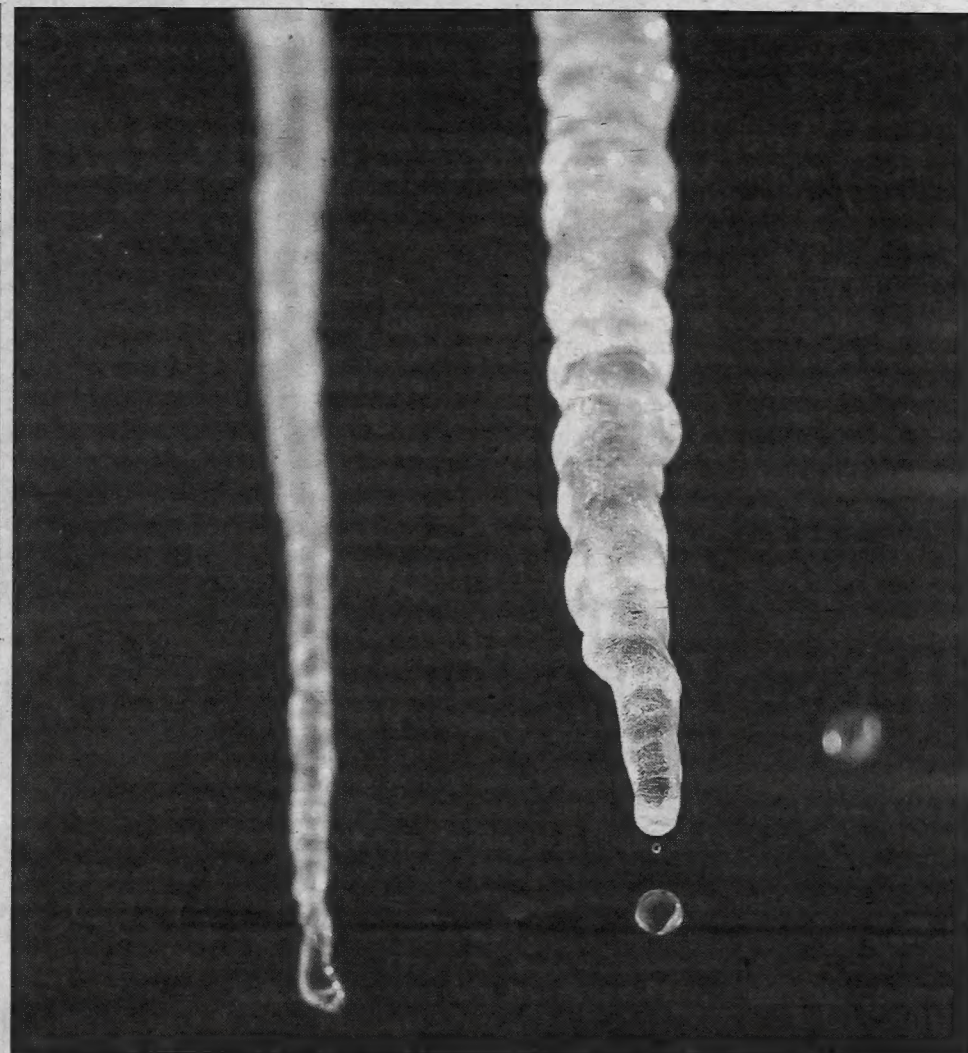
A lengthy election campaign also allows too much time for things to go south; for skeletons to march their way out of closets; for mudslinging to overtake real issues.

The main players in this game are already in place and the rest will follow quickly.

The people of this riding deserve to know who their next MPP is going to be and that person deserves to be able to get down to work in Queen's Park.

It's time for the premier to stop taking his time with timing and set a date for this byelection.

Chad Ingram



IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Drip, drip, drop

Photo by Matt James

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Environment shouldn't pay price for ATVs

To the Editor:

I agree and totally support Ken Sedgwick's letter. ATVs are fun to ride for the young at heart, but it is time that we all start coming to terms with our environment.

It is a fabulous trail for walkers, runners, bicyclists etc. And in the winter for any outdoor sport, especially cross-country skiing.

Gudrun Smith

Water meter ripoff?

To the Editor:

My last water/sewage bill was \$101.85 over the minimum charge of \$203. (\$304.85). This is more usage of water than we used in the summer watering the garden and washing the car. There's just the two of us here with 1-4 piece bathroom, one kitchen sink and a washing machine. After living for 10 years on lake water and a septic bed, we KNOW how to conserve water (if it's yellow, let it mellow). The

township says there is nothing wrong with the meter, but can't say where the water has gone. (They will keep an eye on it.) I'm not the only one to complain. Talking to the township there has been at least two other residents who have brought the bill to their attention. I can take it to council, but chances are next to nil: anything will be done.

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Growing up goatie – take 2

I'D TELL YOU THAT I'm as cynical as the next guy but I don't believe that for a minute.

That's good too, because if I were cynical, I might not even want to seriously consider what's going on in Nigeria, where, even as you read this, police are holding a goat for questioning.

The reason is plain enough. According to witness accounts, that goat is actually a human car thief who transformed himself into an animal to avoid getting caught by an angry crowd. Boy, I bet he feels silly now.

Apparently, two men were trying to steal a Mazda 323 when they got caught in the act. A crowd formed and chased them and one of the perps was seen running off into the distance. The other seemed to disappear in plain sight.

I'm guessing that this is when an observant stranger pointed his wire hanger towards the animal and yelled, "That's the other car thief. I just saw him transform into a goat!"

"But what about the coat hanger that

you are holding?" one angry crowd member might have asked.

"Uh, would you believe that the goat handed it to me before he transformed?"

The answer, of course, was yes.

Now I know that, as North Americans, we're not exactly prone to believing this sort of mumbo-jumbo. Although, let's face it, we do routinely believe in campaign promises, televangelists, the need for Blackberries, and Pro Wrestling.

Regardless, let's suspend our disbelief for just one moment.

Let's say that this car thief did have the ability to transform himself into a goat. How then do we battle criminals like this?

I mean, all kidding aside, anyone who knows anything about goats will tell you that you need really good fences to keep

them in.

That rules out most of our prisons.

The only deterrent I can think of is opening up a Guyanese restaurant in any area with high goat-related crime; curried goat is one of the finest foods in that country's cuisine. By the way, if you haven't tried it, you should.

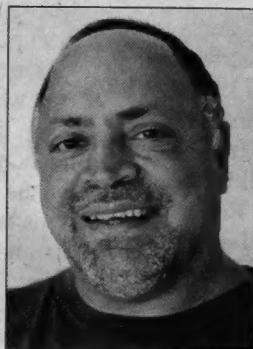
If this whole criminal-to-goat transformation crisis is true, this is certainly baaaaaaaaaaaaaa'd news.

(Like you never knew that was coming?)

The good news is that goats tend to stand out in most urban areas in Canada,

even if when wearing trench coats and sunglasses. Don't ask how I know this.

Even so, we might not know whether to believe this for a while. If I was a criminal in goat's clothing and people around me were suspicious, I might just lay low



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

for a few weeks until they lose interest. Sure, it might not be the easiest thing to do, but this is the kind of super power you just don't want out there – especially since it is considered witchcraft in Nigeria and magic in Hollywood.

For all of our sakes, let's hope that this is simply a case of mistaken identity, which would be an easy enough mistake to make if the real criminal had a beard.

If not, this sort of crime could have serious repercussions right around the world. For one thing, you'd never be able to trust a goat again.

If that goat is in fact a human criminal and he gets caught, the punishment ought to be very severe.

No soft community service eating the garbage or trimming the lawns at local parks for this felon. He shouldn't be out on bail either.

No, at the very least, he deserves time in the pen.

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Knee deep in footwear

EVIDENTLY SOMEBODY is trying to corner the market in 40-inch boot laces though for the life of me I can't see where the profit will be in it.

If, with my dubious knowledge of finance and stock markets and such, I am to explain cornering the market I will have to invent a word. Cornerer is a fine word to invent on a brisk winter morning.

What a cornerer does is acquire a large enough share of the world supply of a particular stock or commodity to control the price, control in this case meaning inflate.

So it was a generation ago that somebody tried to corner the market in onion futures, which led to the removal of onions from the futures market.

Cornering the market in onion futures. If that sounds too silly to be true, you haven't been paying much attention to Wall Street over the past few months. In order to understand more than that about the strategy, you will need to understand what a naked squeeze is and the term so offended my Minden modesty that it ended my research on the subject.

So when I went to one Haliburton County store after another and found each store's shelves bereft of 40-inch boot laces, I figured it must be that somebody was trying to corner the market in them.

I have fiddled with the truth a little. I visited only three stores; The Brown Dog Jiggs suggested that if I kept looking I risked letting the facts stand in the way of a good column.

But I can tell you that each store had a chart saying that 40-inch laces would be just the ticket for me and that the bows of the 45-inch laces I bought instead droop in the snow.

Somewhere, I imagine, probably in Buller, is a man hunched over a kitchen table heaped high with bundles of 40-inch boot laces, waiting for the market to turn.

It won't work here, I tell you. We'll just wrap the excess laces around our ankles and carry on.

For it is a serious matter to trifle with our footwear up here on Sapsucker Ridge. This is not the Big Smoke, where you can get by with a single pair of all-season running shoes.

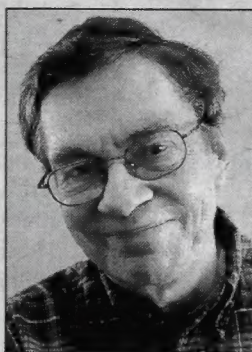
You need rubber boots, both lined and unlined; go-to-town winter boots that take 40-inch laces; steel-toed work boots; steel-toed rubber boots; hiking boots; running shoes; dress shoes . . .

That is enough of a collection in itself but if you're a

Campbell and never throw away anything just because it's worn out, your closet floor is heaped as high with footwear as the

Buller coroner's table is with 40-inch boot laces.

The current inventory includes, for example, four pairs of rubber boots, none of them with the red trim that used to be the sartorial standard for manly footwear in Haliburton County.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

The single unlined pair is for the mud season and for going out to the woodshed to get an armload of firewood because when you pull off your lined boots, your work socks tend to come off with them. There are three pairs of lined boots, of which only the newest pair is fully operational. One is cracked from wear and melted in places from being too close to the evaporator.

Another pair belongs to my brother and are too large for me. The pair I left behind must be too small for him.

Nobody ever takes their rubber boots off before they go into a public meeting in Haliburton. There is, so far as I can see, only one brand of rubber boots worn in the county, and they all look the same. If we ever took our boots off in the same place, cloakrooms would look like a shelf at the hardware store and it would take until next spring to reunite them with their proper owners.

And I'd be the guy left in his sock feet.

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Three candidates vying for NDP byelection nod

A local teacher and West Guilford resident is seeking nomination by the NDP party to run in the upcoming provincial byelection for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

Stephen Woof, a teacher at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and vice-president of the local district of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, will try for the candidacy against other area activists

"We are the only party that has actu-

ally conducted a thorough local candidate search and the result of our effort is this impressive field of three candidates with strong community ties," said NDP provincial secretary Dennis Young.

The move ends speculation that the NDP would not run a candidate in the riding. The Liberals have chosen Rick Johnson to run, the Greens have picked Mike Schreiner and the Reform party will be choosing its candidate mid-March.

Premier Dalton McGuinty has not set a

date for the byelection.

The election was sparked when MPP Laurie Scott resigned her seat to allow PC leader John Tory to run for a seat.

He has been aggressively campaigning around the riding for weeks.

Running against Woof for the NDP candidacy are Lynne Boldt and Lyn Edwards.

Boldt is the chair of the voices of Central Ontario and the Ontario Deamalgamation Network. Boldt has lived in Victoria County for 20 years and ran for mayor of

Kawartha Lakes in 2006.

Edwards is the president of CUPE local 855, representing municipal workers at the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Edwards works in the city's emergency services department and lives in Oakwood.

The nomination meeting will take place February 15 at the Lindsay Inn. Ontario NDP leader Howard Hampton will be the guest speaker.

High-speed expansion plan put into motion

5,000 homes will be connected over next 3 years

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The expansion of broadband, high-speed Internet in Haliburton County is beginning this week, representatives from Bell Aliant told county councillors at a meeting on January 28.

In late 2008, the federal government announced it would be giving more than \$1 million to the county to connect almost 5,000 homes to high-speed Internet over the next three years.

Most of these homes should be connected by the end of 2009, if all goes according to Bell's plans.

"We're going to give it a good shot and try to get going as soon as possible," said the project's senior manager, Tom Blake. "We're going to pull out all the stops to get this done."

Blake said field and survey work for the project was set to begin this week.

"Once the field work is done, we give it to our detailed design teams," he explained.

After design will come the transport of materials, followed by construction and testing phases.

The schedule provided to council speculated that the areas around Carnarvon, Halls Lake, Umbrella Road, Hwy 35 north and south of Minden, Hwy. 118 and Bat and South Lakes would have customer service as soon as June.

Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon questioned why Bat and South lakes, which he called relatively unpopulated, were getting serviced before Gull Lake, which McMahon said is home to many more full-time and part-time residents.

"That's where the big taxpayers are,"

McMahon said.

Blake said the reason was that fibres required for the expansion were already present in the area near Bat and South Lakes.

"We're trying to maximize the dollar while maximizing our footprint," he said.

Homes in the areas of Buckslide Road, Drag Lake, Ingoldsby, County Road 18, Airport Road, Little Kennis Lake and Percy Lake should be connected by the end of September, according to the work schedule, and the areas of Moore Lake, Tamarac Lake, Gooderham, Wilberforce and Harcourt Park should receive service by the year's end.

Highlands East Deputy-reeve Jim Mackie said he was unhappy about the low level of high-speed coverage his township would be receiving.

"I'm looking at Highlands East here and Highlands East gets nothing," Mackie told Blake. "People are out-and-out pissed off."

Blake told Mackie they could discuss the township's coverage further after the meeting.

Tom Gardner, deputy-reeve for Algonquin Highlands, wanted to know how public outreach surrounding the expansion project would work.

"There seems to be a lot of confusion with the customer service end of things," Gardner said, adding that when the south end of Halls Lake was connected to a broadband signal, there were problems with modems being mailed to improper addresses.

"There's a lot of issues I hope this time will be taken care of," said Simon Chapelle, relationship manager for the project, adding that the company has improved its community outreach policies.

Making workplace health part of their business

by BILL EEKHOFF
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District
Health Unit

Pedometers are helping staff at Bluewave Energy in Minden get a leg up on their workplace health efforts.

One day each month, the 11 local Bluewave employees take part in a challenge to see who can be the most active. Each person uses a pedometer provided by the company to track the number of steps he or she takes in a day, and the staff member with the most steps wins a prize.

"It's a friendly competition to help people be more active, and I think everybody walks a bit more on those 'challenge' days," says Vicki Dollo, a Bluewave Energy employee, and the health and wellness representative in its Minden office.

Given the nature of its business, Bluewave staff are often spread out across the region doing their own work. Once each month, Dollo notes, a wellness meeting is held to bring staff together to discuss health and safety issues. Healthy snacks are provided at the meeting, during which new workplace health activities are also planned. Such wellness activities include the pedometer challenge, as well as Bluewave staff signing up for the Adopt-a-Highway Program to keep a section of roadway clear of litter.

Staff can also access an employee assistance program, and were treated to an Ontario Hockey League game in Barrie recently by their employer.

"In any organization, you work as a team, and all these workplace health efforts help to build up the camaraderie between co-workers," adds Dollo. She notes that support from other Bluewave offices is critical for the success of health and wellness efforts at her workplace.

There is considerable payoff in creating a healthy work environment, and many or-

ganizations in Haliburton County are embracing the concept, says Stephanie Ratz, a health promoter with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit's workplace health program.

Ratz provides free advice to organizations who want to promote workplace health.

Along with a happier, healthier employee, research shows that workplace wellness efforts can help an organization increase productivity, reduce absenteeism, cut the number of worker compensation claims, improve staff retention and improve customer service.

Workplace health efforts can range from forming a walking club at lunch or breaks to getting a team of employees involved in community fundraising. More structured workplace initiatives can include an employee recognition program, workplace nutrition policy, flexible schedules and an employee assistance program, she adds.

One local employer committed to workplace health is Patient News Publishing, named one of Canada's Top 100 Employers for four years running. An innovator, Patient News provides a free daily whole fruit program, an on-site gym, health benefits, plus a \$1,000 "health spending account." Employees also generate group activities like a summer-long volleyball tournament and help motivate each other. Last year three individuals lost more than 50 lbs. each, and the walking club and euchre group participate year-round. Company-sponsored initiatives include summer barbecues every other Friday, a lakeside dock, paddle boat, and secure kayak and bike parking. Patient News also supports annually an on-site flu shot clinic, a curling league, and a paid ski and snowboarding day.

Bluewave and Patient News are not

see WORKPLACE page 9



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HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS HEALTH SERVICES FOUNDATION

Workplace health initiatives can be as easy as lunch-time walks

from page 8

alone in putting workplace health to work for their organizations. Consider:

- The Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team is a group of doctors, nurses and other health professionals who provide a range of health care services to local residents. When it was formed two years ago, one of its priorities was surveying employees about their workplace health needs and developing a plan to respond to staff input. From that plan has flowed such workplace health efforts as organized lunch-time walks, the formation of a 'book exchange club' at work, the provision of healthy foods at staff functions and meetings, and a flexible work schedule to allow for physical activity during the day.

"Our job is to care for the health of the community, so our philosophy is our staff need to walk the talk," says Connie Wood, the Healthy Living Co-ordinator with the Family Health Team.

- At the Haliburton Campus of Sir Sandford Fleming College, including the Employee Resource Centre, a pro-well-



Employees at Minden's Bluewave Energy proudly display the pedometers they wear one day each month as the company strives to promote healthy living in the work place.

ness approach is very obvious, says Bernie Nicholson, Fleming's wellness contact in Haliburton. "The college really believes in the philosophy that happier employees are more productive," she says. Among Fleming's most utilized healthy living initiatives are a employee fitness subsidy that staff can use to offset the cost of a gym equipment or club membership, as well as

a Balanced Life awards program in which staff are encouraged to nominate co-workers who achieve good work-life balance.

"On the homefront in Haliburton, we also do a lot to further workplace wellness such as exchanging smile-o-grams in the fall, celebrating employee milestones, and organizing winter 'feel-good' walks," Nicholson adds.

• Workplace health efforts at Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents range from an employee assistance program for staff to fun activities such as a staff golf tournament in the fall, lunch-hour walks and a recent contest in which employees tried to get in shape by eating healthier and being more active. Point in Time provides support and counseling services for children and youth up to 18 years of age and their families, so the nature of its work means creating a healthy workplace for staff is essential, says Program Manager Dan Bajorek. "In our business, when you are used to giving and giving and giving, sometimes we put ourselves on the back-burner," he says. "By not caring for ourselves, we bring less to the office and that can hurt our ability to help the clients we work with everyday."

Other organizations in Haliburton County that want to create a healthier work culture can get help through the Health Unit's Workplace Health Program by calling 1-866-888-4577 or visiting www.hk-prhealthyworkplaces.ca.

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

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Feb. 5-28 Joan of Arc panels by André Lapine-Agnes Jamieson Gallery
Feb. 5 6pm-Joan of Arc (1948) movie with Ingrid Bergman-Agnes Jamieson Gallery
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING TO CONSIDER THE 2009 BUDGET

Notice is hereby given to the rate payers of the Township of Minden Hills that a Special Council Meeting has been called for Thursday, February 12th, 2009. The Special Council Meeting is to take place following the regular Committee of the Whole/General Council Meeting to be held in the Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of the Special Meeting is for Council to consider a by-law adopting the 2009 Municipal Budget.

Cheryl McCarroll, Clerk (705) 286-1260 ext. 214
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• The cost is by donation only
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The new board of the Haliburton-Kawartha Maple Syrup Producers Association, elected at its annual general meeting in Buckhorn last Friday (Jan. 30). Back row, from left, secretary Brenda Steed, Indian River; directors Paul McKeaver, Peterborough, and Ben McLean, Lakefield; president Sam McLean, Lakefield; director Miles Martin, Bobcaygeon; treasurer Jody Peters, Bancroft and director Randy Bealer, Kinmount. Kneeling, vice-president Neil Campbell, Minden, and director Roger Hutchinson, Minden. Absent, past president Eric Thompson of Haliburton and director Lori Burt, Hastings. The HKMSPA is part of the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association and includes the counties of Haliburton and Peterborough, the city of Kawartha Lakes and parts of Hastings County and Durham Region.



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Cautious optimism over federal budget

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Last week's federal budget is receiving fairly positive reviews from some of the area's municipal politicians.

The Conservative budget unveiled on January 27 includes \$85 billion in economic stimulus funding over the next five years, including \$12 billion for infrastructure funding during the next two years.

Council members from Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands are hoping to cash in on some of that infrastructure money.

"You can pick a hole in anything if you want to," said Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon of the budget, which also includes tax cuts for lower and middle class Canadians.

"It's good news that there's some infrastructure stuff coming down. It's all about job creation," McMahon said the municipality would be watching closely to see what the specific criteria for municipal funding would be and carefully writing applications.

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch said she thought the budget was a good start but worried that the current economic climate may extend further than some have projected.

"I think it's a step in the right direction," Murdoch said. "But I think it will take more than that to solve the [economic] problem. I think we're in deeper than they've indicated."

Councillors in Algonquin Highlands said they too would be waiting to see what the township will have to do to gain access to infrastructure funding.

"We're going to have to wait and see and what the criteria are," said Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner. "It sounds like it's going to be lottery-based."

Gardner said he would prefer to see a more stable, entitlement-based infrastructure funding system put in place.

Councillor Carol Moffatt said she too was glad to see that large sums of money had been allocated for infrastructure projects in the federal budget, but added that projects would have to be shovel-ready for municipalities to gain access to funding.

This process will require time and money on the part of municipalities, Moffatt said.

"We can't be walking around with shovels all the time," she said.

The federal Liberals have agreed to pass the budget with the amendment that the Conservatives provide regular updates on the distribution of stimulus funds.



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Illusionist Ted Outerbridge appeared in Minden on January 23 to share some tricks of his trade with local children. The magicians-in-training learned simple tricks using strings, elastics and newspaper. Outerbridge gave an evening performance at the community centre.

Councillor concerned bad year for tax increase

from page 1

\$9,845,000 worth of expenditures, down more than \$740,000 from expenditures in the 2008 budget.

A number of expenses were excluded from the 2009 budget in order to offset the 2008 deficit.

These include \$50,000 to \$75,000 toward Minden's economic development plan, a compactor and weigh scale worth \$200,000 and \$50,000 for the establishment and operation of a dog and cat pound.

Councillor Barb Reid expressed concern that a tax hike in a year of such economic turmoil would be met with negativity from the township's taxpayers.

Councillor Peter Oyler, whose portfolio includes finance, responded by saying that the tax rate increase was simply a necessary move.

"Would I like to be able to [offer a tax break]?" Oyler said. "Absolutely. We need the money. It's as plain as the nose on a face." Reeve Jim McMahon said he thought the budget was reasonable considering the circumstances.

"We did the best we could with what we had," McMahon said. The budget must still be finalized with a bylaw at a later meeting.

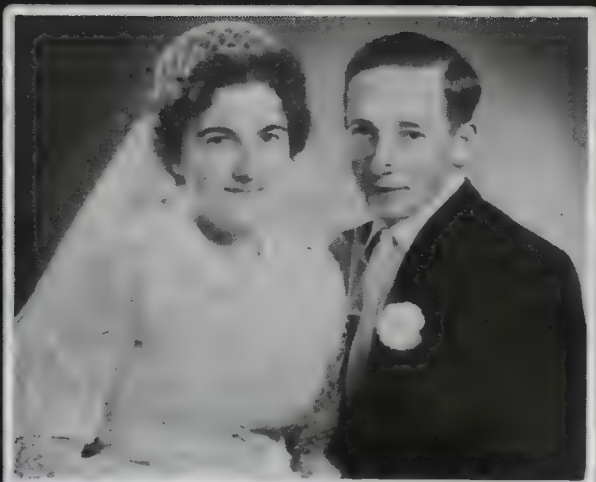
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Peter & Margaret Schepers

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BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Small Business of the Year

The award is for profit centered businesses which have been in operation in the County of Haliburton for 3 years or more and have 1 to 25 employees. Please review the list of criteria for key factors to be used to measure the accomplishments of the nominees for the Small Business of the Year Award. Note that these are for reference only and should apply during 2008 and must be a current member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce

Large Business of the Year

This award is for profit centered businesses which have been in operation in the County of Haliburton for 3 years or more and have 26 employees or more. Please review the list of criteria for key factors to be used to measure the accomplishments of the nominees for the Large Business of the Year Award. Note that these are for reference only and should apply during 2008 and must be a current member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce

New Business of the Year (Under 3 Years)

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Not-For-Profit Business of the Year

This award recognizes the contribution that Not-For-Profit Organizations make to the County of Haliburton. The Award will be presented to an organization that has been in business more than 3 years and follow the same standard list of criteria as the other awards.

Young Entrepreneur of the Year (29 Years and Under)

The criteria for the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award includes proficiency as a Risk Taker, demonstrates Enthusiasm, Motivation, displays Creativity, Originality, Dedication, Innovation and Vision

Customer Service of the Year

New this year! This award is for Customer Service centered business which have been in operation in the County of Haliburton for 3 years or more. This award recognizes both innovation and exceptional performance resulting in quality service to customers. This business would provide customer with choices in both sources of services and the means of delivery, making information, services and complaint systems easily accessible. An example of an exceptional performance may include compassion and caring that goes well beyond expectations for customer service.

Note that these are for reference only and should apply during 2008.

Highlander of the Year

The Highlander of the Year Award recognizes the contributions and community leadership demonstrated by individuals for the benefit of the Haliburton Highlands. Any resident of the Highlands who has made outstanding contributions to the community in the areas of art, culture, heritage, community services, community economic development or the environment are eligible for nomination. The Highlander of the Year is a community booster and a true Ambassador for the Haliburton Highlands.

Standard Criteria for Awards

The selection committee is a group of six community business individuals made up of three previous selector and three new members from different regions of the county.

- The selection committee will consider performance and achievement for 2008 in any of, but not limited to, the following areas:
- Leadership and Entrepreneurship
- Product or Market Innovations

- Significant Business Achievement
- Sales and/or Employment Growth and Technological Advancement
- Excellent in Community Relations/Contribution
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Nomination Form

- ◇ Small Business of the Year (1-25 Employees, Member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, in business for 3+ years)
- ◇ Large Business of the Year (26+ Employees, Member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, in business for 3+ years)
- ◇ New Business of the Year (in business 3 years or less)
- ◇ Not-For-Profit Business of the Year (in business for 3+ years)
- ◇ Young Entrepreneur of the Year (29 yrs & under)
- ◇ Highlander of the Year
- ◇ Customer Service of the Year (New this Year)

Note: Warden Award of the Year (selected by the Warden of Haliburton County) and Youth of the Year (selected by the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School) are not nominated awards.

Nominee Information:

Company/Organization/Individual: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

of Employees: _____

Years in Operation: _____

Nomination Submitted by:

Name: _____

Company/Organization/Individual: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

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Is the Nominee aware of this Award?

Yes _____ No _____

Related to the criteria for selection please give a brief explanation why you feel this Company/Organization/Individual deserves this award. Attach extra pages if needed.

The Chamber does not disclose the name of the nominator.

Nominations will be accepted until February 27th, 2009. Nominations can be emailed, mailed or faxed or dropped in the depot box at the Chamber Office in Minden.

Box 147, Minden, ON. K0M 2K0 Fax: (705) 286-6016

email: admin@hhchamber.on.ca



Haliburton Highlands CHAMBER of COMMERCE

CHAMBER NEWS

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Thursday Feb. 26

1 pm - 3 pm: Agriculture
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Friday Feb. 27

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Keynote speaker "Craig Bowker-Owner of Ski-Mazing Watersports School."

Fundamentals Accounting & Government Requirements for Businesses

Audrey Beck workshop for businesses education in accounting topics that include: Types of business set ups, RST, GST, Payroll, WSIB and Accounting Requirements.
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For further information and to RSVP, please call 286-1760.

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Bobcats claw past RiverKings

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

The Minden RiverKings played almost exactly the same as the Arizona Cardinals on Super Bowl Sunday: they were able to score, they played a hard-fought game, they were in the game right until the end, and they were eventually out played by their opponents.

And like the Super Bowl, the RiverKings game against the Elliott Lake Bobcats on Sunday was a fun one to watch, despite the 4-3 loss.

"That game could have gone either way," said RiverKings head coach Brooks Robinson, post-game.

Unfortunately it went the wrong way for the RiverKings, but despite the loss Robinson felt his team showed a good work ethic, all things considered.

"I'd have to say really good considering that we had eight guys with the flu this week," he said. "We hardly had any practising, guys were throwing up on the bench."

The loss against the Bobcats was a tough one for Robinson and the team for a couple of reasons.

One: "We wanted to beat them and we think we should have beat them," said Robinson. And two: Elliott Lake is the team the RiverKings are likely to face in the first round of the playoffs.

Contrary to the information the *Times* received last week from the RiverKings regarding playoffs, the top teams in the conference *do not* get a pass, meaning the first place teams play the sixth place teams, second place plays fifth place, and so on.

As it stands the RiverKings have three games in hand on the fifth-place Brock Bucks. If the RiverKings overtake Brock they'll face Elliott Lake (second place) in the first round.

"I think that's a precursor to what you're going to see in the playoffs,"

said Robinson of Sunday's action. "We're probably going to play those guys and it's not going to be an easy go."

If the RiverKings fail to take fifth place they'll face a very strong South Muskoka Shield, who while defeated by the RiverKings this season, are still more likely to face an early exit from the playoffs.

As much as Robinson believes his team played "really good," the team at times still displayed signs of weakness making lazy plays that turned into goals for the Bobcats and taking unnecessary penalties, both of which cost them the game.

So did Robinson talk to his players about penalties prior to Sunday's game?

"Oh absolutely, absolutely," said Robinson. "I'm trying to keep them out of the box. Every game it's the same thing, 'let's have a talk about penalties boys.' They know what they need to do; they know they have to stay out of the penalty box. We did it for the most part tonight but got a couple of stupid penalties at the start."

Of the seven penalties the RiverKings took (which is believed to be a home record-low), only three were legitimate. And that's being nice.

Falardeau took two high sticking penalties showing a lack of control, Meyers received an unsportsmanlike penalty for his actions after missing on a breakaway, and Tyler Crego took an unsportsmanlike bench minor, meaning he wasn't even on the ice when penalized.

In the NHL such penalties wouldn't be tolerated and coaches would punish the guilty players by less ice time or no ice time at all.

Again it was agreed by the coach that goaltender Andrew Selbie kept the RiverKings in the game.

"He's a great goalie," said Robinson.



Goaltender Andrew Selbie deflects a shot as desperate defenseman Evan Beasley dives to block a shot. Selbie continues his solid play between the pipes.

"He does his job."

Selbie and a decent penalty kill bailed the team out several times but it takes only one goal to lose a game. And in this case it may have been the Bobcats' first goal and only power play goal that was the difference-maker.

Throughout the game's entirety the RiverKings would be trailing and come back to tie. This happened three times but the home team could never take the lead.

"We didn't get as many shots on net as we should have," said Robinson as a contributing factor of the loss.

Credit, however, should go to the players for a far more disciplined game and to the referees for allowing the game to flow (they let some calls go on both teams) and for having full control of the game from the drop of the puck.

The 14-20-1 RiverKings's next game is at home on Sunday, February 8 at 6 p.m. against the 6-26-1 Espanola Kings.

Game notes: Goals: Brett Meyers, Jeff Beall, Tyler Wright. Assists: Beall, Zack Joanu, Matt Eno, Jordan Joanu, Thomas Falardeau.

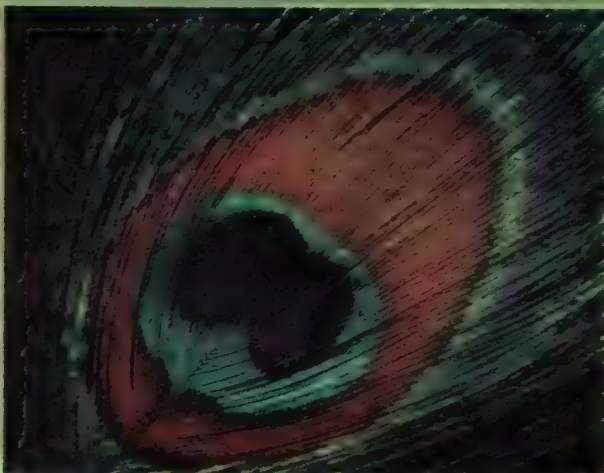


The newest member of the Minden RiverKings, local Matt Eno, is playing on the top line with Brett Meyers and Jeff Beall. Eno had one assist in Sunday's tough loss.

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Bowl for Kids' Sake

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton hosts 29th annual fundraiser

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton is ready to hit the lanes again. The Fast Lanes in Minden has come on board to assist this mentoring agency with its 29th Annual Bowl for Kids' Sake. This exciting and fun event will assist the agency with providing mentoring programs to children in the Minden and Haliburton area. The two core programs are the Traditional One-to-One (big brother, big sister and big couple) and the in-school Mentoring program, which are directed at children aged six to 16 years old.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, February 28 with various time slots available. You and your team will have to pre-register to be involved with this special day that includes bowling, incentive prizes and prizes for best-dressed individuals and teams. This year's theme is sports, so you can dress as your favourite athlete, favourite team or come up with something unique. Teams consist of 4-6 bowlers and knowledge of bowling is not required; the

day is about having fun, while assisting a worthy cause.

You can register a team by contacting Rawn Lougheed (Sears Minden) at 286-2401 or the Big Brother Big Sister head office at 705-324-6800. At this point you will provide names of all the team members and be provided with your pledge sheets. The sooner you register, the better chance you have of collecting the minimum amount of pledges required (\$50 per/bowler). Pledges can be made easy by utilizing the online pledging system available to all bowlers. There are also incentive prizes for the most pledges raised that include a video camera from Sears in Minden, a grocery shopping spree at Strang's Valu-mart in Bobcaygeon and a vehicle custom tint from FMT Custom Tint in Lindsay. There are also incentive prizes for hitting each \$100 level for pledges. Rawn also usually provides some special bonus prizes throughout the evening at the Minden event.



Rawn Lougheed, left, and Don Geall, right, don pyjamas during last year's "Bowl for Kids' Sake" fundraiser at Minden Lanes. Last year's event raised nearly \$6,000 for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton.

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Men

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High single: Glen Turner 225
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Ladies

High avg: Marlene Robinson 182
High single: Marlene Robinson 204
High single w/hdcp: Deborah Rodeau 268

High triple: Marlene Robinson 599

High triple w/hdcp: Deborah Rondeau 721

Tuesday afternoon, January 27

Men

High avg: Ken Thompson 220
High single: Ken Thompson 263
High single w/hdcp: Perry Morrison 270
High triple: Ken Thompson Ken Thompson 726

High triple w/hdcp: Ken Thompson 741

Ladies

High avg: Lillian Mattsson 181
High single: Lillian Mattsson 235
High single w/hdcp: Hazel Benetin 276

High triple: Lillian Mattsson 600

High triple w/hdcp: Mabel Clendenning 718

Wednesday, January 28

Men

High avg: Ken Thompson 208
High single: Ken Thompson 220
High single w/hdcp: Robert Terro 255
High triple: John Whitty 608
High triple w/hdcp: John Whitty 695

Ladies

High avg: Carol Snow 175
High single: Carol Snow 228
High single w/hdcp: Carol Snow 269
High triple: Carol Snow 598
High triple w/hdcp: Carol Snow 721

Thursday, January 29

Men

High avg: Ken Thompson 214
High single: Lindsay Ploughman 270
High single w/hdcp: Lindsay Ploughman 315

High triple: Lindsay Ploughman 632

High triple w/hdcp: Lindsay Ploughman 753

Joan Morrison passes away at 82 at Extendicare

Joan Morrison, wife of Scotty Morrison, passed away Monday morning at Haliburton's Extendicare.

Friends are invited to visit with the family at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home on Highway 118 this afternoon from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The funeral will be at St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church in Haliburton on February 5 at 2 p.m.

As expressions of sympathy, donations

can be made to Extendicare.

Over the years, Scotty has been active as the head of the family council of Extendicare. The council is an advocacy group for residents, which also does fundraising work. Recently they installed a cement pad in the courtyard for residents in wheelchairs.

The Scotty Morrison hockey tournament planned for this weekend will run as scheduled. Funds raised go to Community Care.



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Individuals interested in this voluntary service role are invited to contact:

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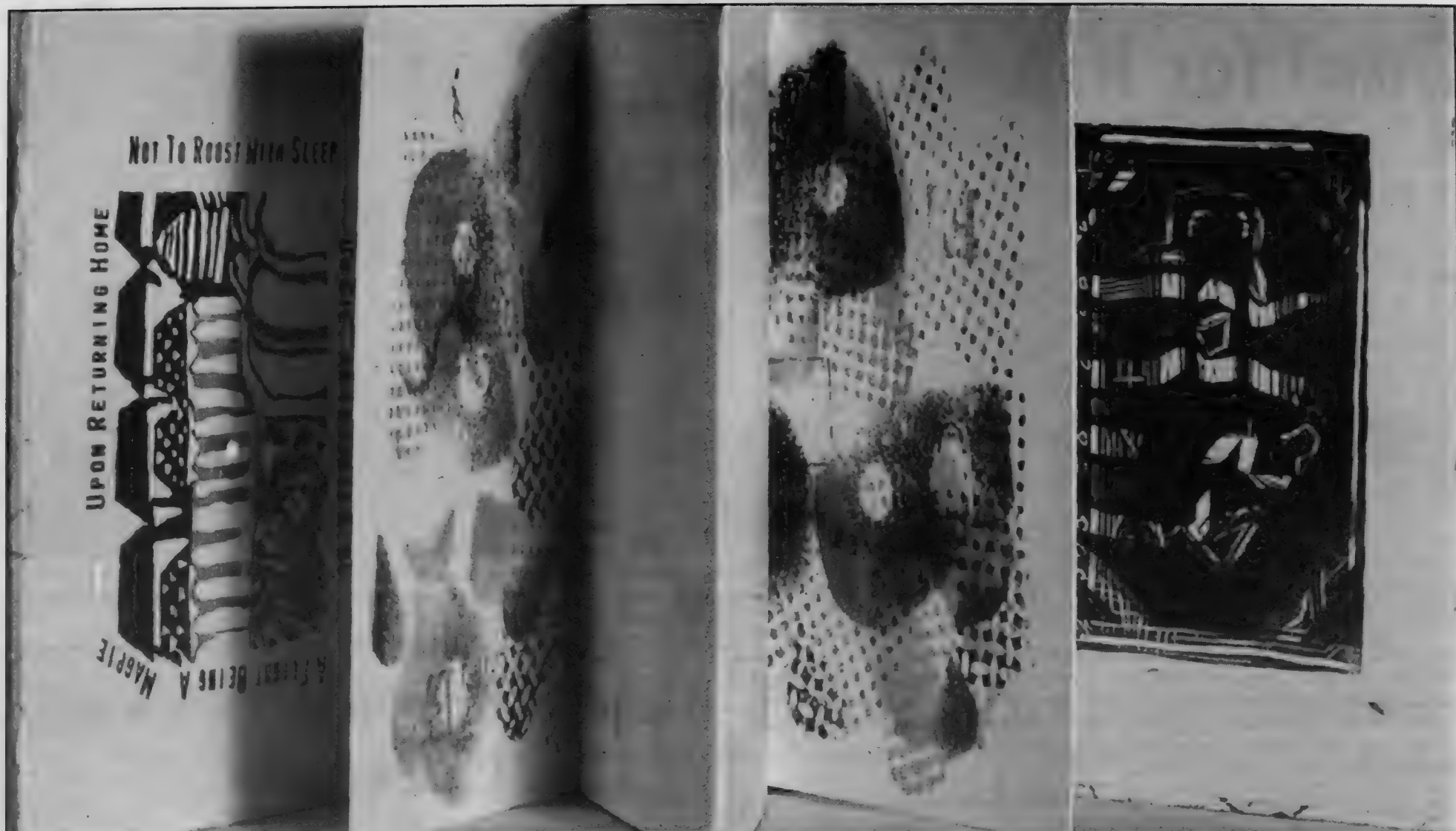
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A Turn for the Magpie by artists Karen and Geoffrey Hewett is one of 26 pieces of literary art that will be on display at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery this month.

Bookworms should enjoy new exhibit at Agnes Jamieson

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery brings the Canadian Bookbinders and Book Artist Guild exhibition *A Book Arts Mosaic* curated by Canadian book artist Lise Melhorn-Boe. This exhibition consists of 26 pieces by 38 Canadian book artists. The collection includes pieces that are delightful and beautiful, moving and inspiring – a push of the creativity and imagination as to what can be done with paper in book form. Works incorporate styles such as accordion, tunnel miniature, Coptic, Japanese, stab binding, open lectern and Chinese whirlwind books. Techniques include handmade paper with and without watermark, calligraphy, blind tooling, incised decoration, paper decorating, letterpress printing, linocut, collage, etc. “This collection,” informs Melhorn-Boe, “was conceived to present the great variety of techniques and materials used by members of the Canadian book arts community. As curator, I chose a representative group of CBBAG members, with people from all parts of the country. I invited them to produce a piece of work that addressed the theme of the ‘Canadian Mosaic,’

referring to the ethnic and cultural diversity of the country. The contributions fall into three general categories: those relating to a sense of place; those concerned with the Canadian experience; and those dealing with spirituality.

But what of burning stakes? This has to do with Joan of Arc and nothing to do with books we assure you. The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is displaying two new pieces: an eight paneled room divider painted by André Lapine depicting the life of Joan of Arc. A most remarkable piece – unique and well illustrated, this piece exemplifies Lapine’s narrative illustration ability. Other sketches compliment this work further illustrating Lapine’s love for story and animation.

Like all galleries these exhibitions have an opening reception. Have you ever wondered what happens at “opening receptions”? Do we don our black ties and ball gowns, promenading about like pampas snots? No – not here. We watch burning stakes...as in a Joan of Arc movie with Ingrid Bergman.

In 1948 this Technicolor film was directed by Victor Fleming; starring Ingrid Bergman as the French religious icon and war hero. It was produced by Walter Wanger. It is based on Maxwell Anderson’s successful Broadway play *Joan of Lorraine*, which also starred Bergman, and was adapted for the screen by Anderson himself, in collaboration with Andrew Solt.

Bergman had been lobbying to play Joan for many years, and this film was considered a dream project for her. It received mixed reviews and lower-than-expected box office, though it clearly was not a “financial disaster” as is often claimed. The movie is considered by some to mark the start of a low period in the actress’s career that would last until she made *Anastasia* in 1956. In April 1949, five months after the release of the film, and before it had gone out on general release, the revelation of Bergman’s extramarital relationship with Italian director Roberto Rossellini brought her American screen career to a temporary halt. The film was subsequently drastically edited for its general release, and was not restored to its original length for nearly 50 years. Bergman and co-star José Ferrer (making his first film appearance) received Academy Award nominations for their performances. The film was director Victor Fleming’s last project — he died only two months after its release.

The film is a straightforward recounting of the life of the French heroine. It begins with an obviously painted shot of the inside of a basilica with a shaft of light, possibly descending from heaven, shining down from the ceiling, and a solemn off-screen voice pronouncing the canonization of the Maid of Orleans. Then, what appears to be a church manuscript is shown recounting Joan’s life in Latin, while some unaccredited voiceover narration sets up the tale. The actual story of Joan then begins, from the time she becomes convinced that she has been divinely called to save France to her being burnt at the stake at the hands of the English and the Burgundies.

Mark Thursday, February 5, at 6p.m. down on your calendar – do it now! This is the date and time for the Joan of Arc movie, a time to enjoy a classic, a date with art. Vive le France! Vive Le Livre! C’est FREE!

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Seniors welcome Rosebush

SENIOR LEAGUE

News from Hyland Crest

Hello everyone! Well, it certainly has been a cold, cold, snowy, snowy and snowier winter, and we think it is safe to say that we all will be happy to see spring arrive!

We are so looking forward to hearing the birds chirping and singing. With much anticipation, we watch the skies searching for geese formations, designating the pending arrival of spring.

The month of December went by so quickly with all the festivities. Early in the month, the Salvation Army Concert Band helped to get us in the spirit of Christmas to which we thank them very much. We also had the pleasure of watching a magician do some marvelous tricks and sing for us. Thanks Don, you were terrific!

As well, a sincere thank-you to our pastoral care group and all the dedicated parish members for the wonderful spiritual celebration of the meaning of Christmas.

Also, many thanks, to all the wonderful people who helped to make our Christmas merry: the Minden Girl Guides, Johnny Burke, Burrit and Pat Bonnell, Minden Bible Church members, Gord Kidd and Preethy, Northern

Jam, Steve McCullough and his dog Cole, and of course Santa Claus.

Jeff Barry and friends provided some terrific music for our Christmas party. Santa Claus arrived, as did several elves, which danced and pranced and kept the party hopping.

Although we were closed for a while in January, we are back to the many activities that keep our minds and bodies active, and are enjoying our one-on-one visits with the volunteers again. So many of us are looking forward to having our "golden girl" Gypsy, back to visit with us again in February. Our favourite pet is so well behaved and we thank Elaine for sharing her with us.

Several of us are looking forward to seeing Tommy Hunter in concert at the Academy Theatre; it should be a fantastic show!

We wish to say a warm welcome to our new CEO, Paul Rosebush, and hope that he will be as happy to be here as we are!

Right now, there is a hubbub of activity, as we anxiously await the formal dinner. It is a memorable evening spent with family and friends, wining and dining in our best attire. We will fill you in on the details next month.

So, as you can see, we have not been idle and wish to thank everyone for enriching our lives with their love and commitment to us. Stay well; stay warm, until next time, God Bless

Fun at kids' club



STANHOPE LIFE

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Some of us might not know this, but there is a Stanhope kids' club that meets every second and fourth Friday of the month from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for ages 6 to 12. Past programs have included making crafts, playing ping pong, floor hockey and board games.

The next scheduled "meet" will be February 13 at the new Stanhope rink behind the community hall on North Shore Rd. The party starts at 7 p.m. with music, skating, hot chocolate and cookies. The cost is only \$1 per person and everyone is welcome.

This Sunday, February 8 for something special for you and your kids try to attend the second concert of the Razzamataz's Family Concerts at the Northern Lights Theatre. This show features Sho, Mo and the Monkey Bunch that has music that "has bite to it while still being sweet." Check out their website: www.themonkeybunch.com.

The next show, Major Conrad Flapps will be on Sunday, March 1 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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Final winter carnival meeting coming up



DORSET NEWS

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The Dorset Book Club is meeting at the Dorset Library on Wednesday, February 4 at 1 p.m. and the book being discussed is "your favourite love story." All are welcome. Give the library a call for more information. Their number is 766-9969.

There will be a Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival meeting at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Thursday, February 12 starting at 7 p.m. and all are welcome to attend. This

is the last meeting and will give volunteers a chance to pick where they want to help – no pressure and it's all fun! Come and meet your neighbours, have a coffee and a cookie and be a part of the biggest event of the year! Call 766-9968 or email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca for more information.

The annual poker rally sponsored by Lions Camp Dorset and the Tall Pines Snowmobile Club is taking place on Saturday, February 14. Proceeds of the event

aid kidney dialysis at Lions Camp Dorset.

You must be 19 years or older to purchase a poker hand. Pre-registration takes place on Friday, February 13 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and registration takes place on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

There will be a maximum of 300 riders and OFSC trail permits are required. Permits will be available on site at Lions Camp Dorset.

Fifty dollars of pledges gives you a free ride otherwise a poker hand is \$30. There will be sponsored checkpoints with free food and hands will be dealt until 4 p.m. sharp. Dinner is at 4:30 p.m. and prizes will be handed out at 6:30 p.m.

New this year, there will not be a dance.

Not only is this a great cause and a fun event, you have a chance of winning first prize which is \$2,000 cash. Who couldn't use that?

More information on the poker rally and pledge forms can be found www.tallpines.org or by calling Barb at 766-2108 or Donna at 766-9253. Also important to note, this event is dependent on lake and trail conditions.

For anyone wanting to improve their computer skills, be it transferring, emailing or manipulating photos from your digital camera to doing an online tutorial on Word, Sarah is there to help – for FREE!

Don't miss this great opportunity to receive one-on-one computer help at the Dorset Recreation Centre every Monday from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Thursday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Don't be shy – the program is ending soon so call now to book your appointment at 766-9968!

Special birthday wishes for the weeks of February 1 to 7 go out to Yvon Chatelain, Kassie Wright, Mitchell Webb, Mark Kearhey, Anja Hendrikson, Libby Timbers, Ryan Flynn and happy anniversary to Darlene and Yvon Chatelain and Marian and Bruce Frieday. Celebrate and have fun on your special day!

Local Baha'is mark World Religion Day

The second annual World Religion Day, Sunday, January 18, was spent by local Baha'is from Haliburton County, and the townships of North Hastings and Lake of Bays, creating plans to be of more service to this area.

The fruits of this year's commemoration came directly as a result of attendance of almost half of this area's Baha'is at the Regional Conference held January 10-11 in Toronto at the Toronto Congress Centre. Taking the conference's message to not "be distracted by the ephemeral pursuits of a bewildered society," nor to "let the clamour of a confused and distracted world deter us from contributing their uttermost," local Baha'is gathered at the home of John Heginbottom and his wife, Betsie Wynen, near Carnarvon, to commemorate this year's World Religion Day.

Initially, the group focused on the need for true religion (from the Latin root religion, meaning "way of life" and "to bind together.")

Haliburton resident Helen Gardner, remarked, "It was a high point at the Toronto conference to break the huge gathering into smaller workshop sessions. We learned more on how we could use the tools, skills and human resources necessary to make concrete plans for spiritual projects available to everyone in our area, when we gathered back here on World Religion Day."

Mountain Lake resident, Kathie Porter, said, "I was so thankful for such a large and ethnically diverse regional conference. Being in such a relatively uniform and small community such as Minden Hills sometimes makes me forget about the larger picture our actions in offering service to the entire county area can have."



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Subject Land: Part of Lots 4 to 6 Concession A, Part of Lot 1 Concessions 2 and 3 and Part Lot 2 Concession 3, Geographic Township of Stanhope Hindon Lake
Municipality: Township of Algonquin Highlands
Applicant: Janis HESLETON/ Darlene SANDERSON/ Peter SANDERSON

TAKE NOTICE: THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands will hold a Public Meeting at the Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, Minden, Ontario on:

Thursday, February 19, 2009
at 1:00 p.m.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: A Public Meeting is being held to consider an application made to the County of Haliburton for a proposed plan of subdivision to create 13 shoreline residential lots on Hindon Lake, and applications made to the Township of Algonquin Highlands for official plan amendment and zoning by-law amendment to facilitate the proposed plan of subdivision.

ANY PERSON OR AGENCY may attend the Public Meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed applications.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Haliburton in respect of the proposed plan of subdivision before the approval authority gives or refuses to give approval to the draft plan of subdivision, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

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IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the decision of the County of Haliburton in respect to the proposed plan of subdivision, a written request must be made to Ms. Jane Tousaw, Director of Planning (see address below).

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the adoption of the proposed official plan amendment, or of the refusal of the request to amend the official plan or of the decision in respect of the zoning by-law amendment by the Township of Algonquin Highlands, a written request must be submitted to Ms. Angie Bird, Clerk at the Township of Algonquin Highlands (see address below).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed plan of subdivision is available at the Planning Department, County of Haliburton, by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed official plan amendment and proposed zoning by-law amendment is available at the Township of Algonquin Highlands Municipal Offices, during regular business hours, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dated at the Township of Algonquin Highlands this 28th day of January 2009.

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County Council Date Change Notification

The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that the regular February 18th Session of County Council has been cancelled and the regular February Standing Committee meetings will be rescheduled to take place on February 18th, 2009. Please refer to the online meeting calendar at www.haliburtoncounty.ca or call the County office at 705-286-1333 for details of standing committee meeting times and locations.

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Safer drinking water comes to Kinmount



AROUND THE TOWN

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I've admitted before in this column to being a "knit-a-holic," a word not to be found in Webster's or on Wheel of Fortune. Recently good friend Gail gave me a copy of Toronto writer Stephanie Pearl McPhee's a.k.a. "The Yarn Harlot" latest handbook with its humorous look at this shared addiction. Her "knitting math" exercise resulted in some staggering results. Did you realize that there are about 10,880 stitches in an average sock or 21,760 in a pair? On that basis she has decided to check the foot size of people before she begins to love them enough to make them socks. Personally this new found knowledge justifies my refusal to knit anything that comes in pairs.

Here is an important announcement for area residents and businesses in the City of Kawartha Lakes. The city is committed to providing residents and businesses with high quality, clean and, most important, safe drinking water. The Ministry of the Environment announced in June 2007 its Lead Action Plan to expand water safety protection and reduce the potential for elevated levels of lead in drinking water. Compliance with this plan requires that the Water and Wastewater Division biannually sample a number of locations throughout the City of Kawartha Lakes municipal drinking water systems. The division would greatly appreciate hearing from residents who would be willing to participate in this program and have their residence or business visited at a prearranged time to take two water samples. The samples will be analyzed for lead and participants will receive a copy of the results. There is no charge for this service. To participate, or for more information, please contact Lucy Burke, water and wastewater technician, at 324-9411 ext. 1141.

After a January closure to allow for upgrades and reorganization of merchandise displays the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace is now open again on extended weekends from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday through Sunday. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the formation of the Kinmount & Area Artisans Guild and the opening of its not-for-profit community-based cooperative offering local visual arts and crafts located on the lower level of the community centre. A variety of special promotions is planned for 2009 and as this year marks the 150th birthday of Kinmount. The Guild/Marketplace looks forward to participating in this very significant sesquicentennial celebration as well. If you or your family is willing to share photos or other items related to the history of Kinmount then Lynne Kilby would be pleased to hear from you at 488-2919.

Valentine's Day, Saturday, February 14, will be a busy one here in Kinmount with Winterfest offering something for the whole family. Start off with a hearty pancake breakfast being served from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the community centre then head up to the fairgrounds for outdoor activities from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. including a parent/child hockey game, snow pitch tournament (488-9954), a skate-a-thon from 11 a.m. to 12 noon (488-2919), chili-making contest and horse-drawn sleigh ride all in support of community youth events. That evening J.L. Avis & the Barnburners will provide the music for the Valentine's dance at the community centre from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dance tickets are \$10/person, which includes a light lunch with proceeds to benefit Kinmount minor sports. For more information give Freshmart a call at 488-2211. Also that day plan to drop by the Kinmount Legion branch 441 and enjoy live entertainment by 23 Litres from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. as part of the Legion's ongoing Support Our Troops program.

Now for the scoring news with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

January 27 contract bridge at Club 35: Rob Eaton led the high scores at 5,610 followed by Norma Crewson 5,250 and Dorothy Strype 5,150. Ev Morgan was presented with the Shiny Penny while Jack Gilmour won the draw. There

were two Slams over the afternoon the first by Kathie Porter and Jack Gilmour and the second by Rob Eaton partnered with Bruce Armstrong.

January 27 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: Top team members were Cliff Davison and Sandy Poulton at 335 with George Hamilton and Peggy Beattie next at 231. In third spot at 212 were Beth Titus and our reporter Pearl Cowen with the afternoon's low of 102 going to Eleanor Lymer and Colleen Davison.

January 27 euchre at Gelert: Barb Carpenter reports that Rita Crofts and Hazel Benetin recorded the high scores while Emily Harvie and Perry Peacock took the evening's lows. Betty Hicks won for lone hands and Kevin Maloney took home the special prize.

January 27 bid euchre at Minden Legion: First for the ladies was Elva Paisley at 286 then Margaret Bull 270 and Elli Langpohl 236 while representing the gents Helen Henderson led at 288 with Tom Grix 258 second and Ida Young 254 third. Moonshots went to Elli Langpohl, George Bull and Albert Foster along with Bob Harrison while Marion Stickwood and Margaret Fletcher won the draws.

January 28 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing the Howell method Linda Cherry and our bridge reporter Muriel McIntosh were first at 57 per cent, Bruce Armstrong and Doug McIntosh second at 55% and Norma Crewson partnered with Liv Andersen third at 53 per cent.

January 28 bid euchre at Stanhope: This event was cancelled due to poor weather conditions.

January 29 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Gwen Cox and Albert Foster with Verna McDonald and John Mallon recording the high scores. The evening's lows went to Sharron Atkinson and Kevin Maloney while Gwen Cox, Kay Naylor, Eileen Shapiera, Bob Pollard and our reporter May Bradbury won the other prizes.

January 30 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Using the Howell movement top spot went to Joan Galley and Jackie Metcalf at 60 per cent followed by Bruce Armstrong and Peter O'Connor 57% and Kathie Porter partnered with Muriel McIntosh 53 per cent.

January 30 bid euchre at Club 35: Mary Pearson reports that Dorene Elstone and Garth Windsor had the moonshots with Dorothy Upton holding the hidden score. Dorene also led the scoring for the pinks at 210 then Clara Miscio 174 and Linda Voycey 132. Not to be outdone it was Merv Elstone topping the white cards at 267 with Dave Switzer 148 second and Jim O'Brien 131 third.

January 30 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Top

spot for high hands went to Pearl Cowen with Sherin Brown winning for lone hands, Nick Boekestyn for low hands and Pat Bailey for the special prize. Thanks to June Branning for this update.

January 31 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: The high scoring quartet members for the white cards were Kevin Maloney 318, Tom Grix 291, Pat Scadden 248 and Ida Young 228. At 273 Vi Howell led the pinks followed by Phyllis Windsor 246, Pat Roussel 244 and Karen Chapman 234 while moonshots landed on Tom Grix, Kevin Maloney [2], Pat Roussel, Archie Ross, Eileen Shepstone and our reporter Albert Foster.

February 2 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand honours went to Jeanne Keliele and Mabel Deacon with Valerie Clark and Marion Stickwood taking the high scores. The afternoon's low was claimed on a draw by today's reporter Bill Mosley while Valerie Clark and Marion Stickwood took home the special prizes.

February 2 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The high scoring quartet members were Emily Harvie first at 269 with Tom Grix 268 a close second. Tied for third were Sharron Atkinson and Rose Isaacson at 236 with Phyllis Windsor, Dorothy McElwain, Tom Grix [2], Rose Isaacson, Vic Ballik and John Deak claiming the moonshots.

February 2 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Once again Don Jemmett reports a good turnout with Albert Foster winning for high hands, Sandra Crockett for lone hands, Ron Morrison for low hands and Carol Derbyshire for the special prize.

February 2 euchre at Club 35: Most lone hand holder was Bob McIvor with Iris Freeman high lady and our reporter Garth Windsor high man. The evening's lows went to Ann McIvor and Jim O'Brien with Mary Pearson claiming the bologna.

February 2 cribbage at Minden Legion: The top three players in order were Eileen Shapiera, Sharron Atkinson and Gala Stamp with the evening's other prizes won by Lorna Hicks [2], Jean Scadden and Sandy Bell. Thanks to Elva Paisley for her update.

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• February 5: Guided Meditation continues at the Rails End Gallery – Facilitated by Ryan Dawson every Thursday evening 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Everyone welcome, admission is by donation. Positive visualizations to quiet the mind, calm the body and stir the spirit.

• February 5: OEYC Play and Learn visits Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce – From 9:30 a.m. – noon. Families with children from 0-6 years join us for activities, crafts, music circles, guest speakers, nutritional snack and more! For more information phone Julie at 286-1770 or leave a message at 457-2989.

• February 6: Circle of Hope – Hospice Kawartha Lakes hosts a drop-in grief support group for the newly bereaved from 12-1:30 pm at 112 McLaughlin Road, Lindsay. Light lunch provided. For more information call 324-2811 ext 3.

• February 7: Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament – 8:30 to 4:30 at the Dysart Arena in Haliburton and S.G Nesbitt Arena in Minden. Scotty Morrison is former NHL Referee-in-Chief and former Chief Executive Officer of the Hockey Hall of Fame. \$550 per team-payable in Advance. Four Divisions: Open, Over 35, Over 55 and Women. The tournament special guest is Tom Harrington, a three-time Gemini nominee for best sports broadcaster and CBC News' voice on sports news and issues, reporting for The National and Canada Now. Rules and registration forms available on the Community Care website www.communitycarehaliburton.com or contact Hiliary at 457-2941. All proceeds support Community Care.

• February 7: Wilberforce Legion Branch 624 Annual Lake Trout Derby – Details are available at the Branch, call 448-2221. Cost is \$12 per person

• February 8: Lochlin Community Centre is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner – Adults \$10, Children under 12 yrs \$6, and children under 4 eat for free. Please call Marlene at 286-3948 to reserve your table for either the 4:30 or 5:45 setting. Bring your friends and neighbors. All proceeds support the Lochlin Community Centre.

• February 11: Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will be held in the Common Room at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre - Doors will open at 6pm for group business and chat. The speaker at 7 pm will be Ellie MacNeil-Burroughs who will be making a presentation on the information she uncovered as she researched her family roots. Everyone welcome. No charge. Refreshments available. Bring & Win table. For more information call Gail Leach-Wunker at 286-2225.

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• February 14: Kinmount Winterfest – Festivities begin with a pancake breakfast from 8-11am at Kinmount Community Centre. Fun filled events and activities begin at Kinmount Arena at 11am. Celebrations wind up back at Kinmount Community Centre with a Valentine's dance featuring J.L. Avis and the Barn Burners from 9pm-1am. Tickets for this age of majority event cost \$10.

• February 15: Annual Murray Scott Memorial Ice Fishing Derby at Miskwabi Lake – Kids Fish FREE for more information call the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association Hatchery 457-9664.

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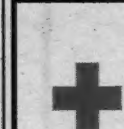
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April 7th, 1982 – February 4th, 2005

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Our hurts.
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best we can.
We don't seek out help,
We don't ask for a friend.
We do our best to appear strong.
After all, we believe that
Society still expects that of men.
But my son, my brother,
We love and miss you.
We cry for you, our pain is real.
If a tree falls in the forest
And no one is there,
Does it make a sound?

Love always,
Dad and Daryl
Peace



In memoriam

DENIS ROY ARBOUR

April 7, 1982 – February 4, 2005

I'm told there is a chart that states
Where you should be in your grief
After a certain amount of time has passed.
But who ever made this chart didn't
Know how much I loved you.
They weren't there for your first breath,
Your first smile, your first words, your first step.
The first time you held your baby brother.
Your first day of school, your first goal.
They weren't there when you lost
Your first love, had your first fight,
Your first job, your first apartment.
They didn't laugh with you, cry with you.
Bandage you or dance with you.
They weren't there the first time you said,
"I love you mommy," or the last time you said,
"I love you mom."
Four years have now passed.
I can now look back at the happier yesterdays,
When you were here and smile.
I can even sometimes have hope for the
tomorrows.
It's all the 'today's' that are so difficult.
So if I don't meet their expectations
It is because they don't know
How much I loved you.
I loved you yesterday, I love you today
And I'll love you all of my tomorrows.

Peace
Love Mom

In memoriam

DENIS ROY ARBOUR

April 7th, 1982 – February 4th, 2005

MY DEAREST GRANDSON

I took a trip in my mind today to all the places I could remember being with you.
I went to Scarborough, Minden and Peterborough. I went to Adanac, Minden
Lake, Townsend, Parkwoods Village and Crescent Town.

But you weren't there...

I went to Disneyworld, Wonderland, Niagara Falls and Ontario Place

But you weren't there...

I went to the Eaton Centre, the Scarborough Town Centre, Cedarbrae and Eglinton Square

But you weren't there...

I looked everywhere but I couldn't find you

But then I looked into my heart

And there you were...

The pain and devastation of losing you continues
But the wonderful memories of all the happy times I spent with you help to
fill the void and get stronger with each passing year.

I miss you so much Denis but I know that even though I can't see you
you're always with me.

Love, Grandma

In memoriam

Deaths

HARRISON, Joyce Florence (nee Booth) - Passed away peacefully at Lakeridge Health, Oshawa on Tuesday, January 27, 2009, in her 76th year. Beloved wife of the late Wilfred Harrison (2001). Loving mother of Laurie (Cindy), and Elaine (Sharon). Loving grandmother of Jennifer, Jolene, Whitney, and grandmother to several great grandchildren. Dear sister of Esther (Glen) Stamp, Don (deceased) (Diane) Booth. Fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Thursday afternoon from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. Funeral Service in the chapel on Friday, January 30, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. Reception to follow in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Spring Interment at the Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery, Camarvon. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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Deaths

STINSON-BURCOMBE, Margaret Doreen (nee Creasor) - July 30 1914 to January 25 2009 - Surrounded by love at the Guelph General Hospital, Doreen Stinson-Burcombe of Guelph (formerly of Parry Sound, Hamilton, Burlington and Hall's Lake) in her 95th year. Dearest Mom of Rosemary and Bill Woods (Belwood) and (Rev.) Bonnie and George Holliday (Hamilton and Mount Forest). Special much-loved Gramma of Kyly Woods and partner Roger Miller (Calgary), Tristan Woods and partner Kayla Clements (Guelph), Scott and Michelle (Mahood) Holliday (Mount Forest) and Heather Holliday (Guelph). Second "mom" to Tom Montgomery (Kitchener). Predeceased by wonderful husband #1 and dad Leonard Stinson of Burlington and Hall's Lake (1978) and wonderful husband #2, step-dad and grampa Maurice Burcombe of Guelph (2005). Predeceased by all 11 siblings. Fondly remembered by sister-in-law Naomi Jotham (Guelph), many nieces and nephews and a wide circle of friends, young and old, lifelong and new. Doreen and husband Leonard operated Stinson's Store at Hall's Lake for many years. She was a constant volunteer - VON, Big Brothers, St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary and wherever she practiced her faith. Since 1979 she has been a member of St. James the Apostle Anglican Church. Active and keenly interested until the end, she will be missed for her prolific letter writing, her love of hats and anything pink. Her grandchildren were her precious treasures. Special thanks to Wellington Park Terrace staff and residents for a year of happy "retirement" and GGH 4th floor east staff for providing a compassionate final sendoff. Memorial service to be held at 2 pm, Saturday, February 7 at the **WALL-CUSTANCE FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL**, 206 Norfolk St., Guelph, (519-822-0051 or www.wallcustance.com). Visitation one hour before the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. James, 86 Glasgow St. N., Guelph, N1H 4W2 or the Stanhope Museum, 1123 North Shore Rd., R. R. # 2 Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0. In celebration of Doreen take a moment to write a note to someone you love today. Remembered always with hugs and thanksgiving

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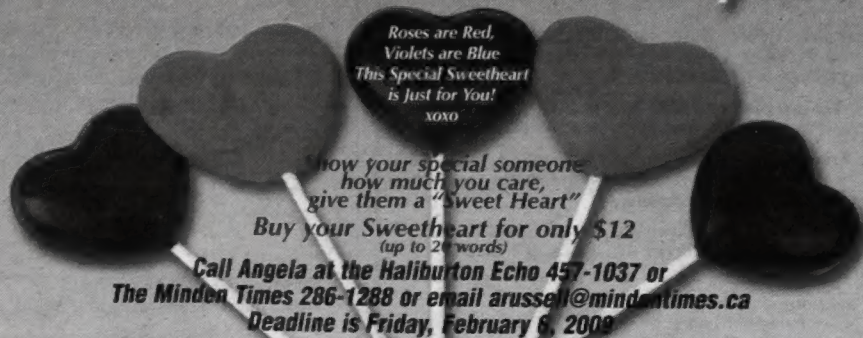
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The Sweetest Things
for Valentine's Day



Do you have icicles on your roof?

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GreenSaver is alerting homeowners that now is the time to inspect their roofs and eaves for icicles, as this is the most common indicator of a heat loss problem.

Snow on a roof is generally a good sign because it means heat is not escaping from the attic and melting the snow above. But if there are icicles on your roof or the side of your house, this can often mean just the opposite.

Most icicles on a house will form due to heat escaping through attics, which is generally caused by insufficient insulation. This escaping heat will warm the roof sheathing and cause the snow on the shingles to melt. The melted snow then runs down the roof until it meets the roof overhang, where the temperature is much colder. It then refreezes into large masses of ice creating icicles.

This ice also creates a barrier for additional snow that melts throughout the winter, producing a pool of water literally backed up by this "ice dam". The pooling of water can lead to numerous problems including:

- a) Damage to shingles—water can accumulate under the edges
- b) Warping and detaching of eaves troughs
- c) Rotting wood in the roof
- d) Water damage to drywall, plaster and furniture from ice melting into the house
- e) Icicles falling on people
- f) Ice build-up on sidewalks or stairs

These problems can be expensive to repair, but there are a number of actions people can take to solve these problems. Some companies recommend increasing attic ventilation, but GreenSaver sees this as treating the symptom, not the disease.

GreenSaver recommends that stopping air leaks from the warm moist interior of the house through to the cooler attic should be the first priority. A heated house is like a chimney - a container of warm air surrounded by cold air that tends to draw air in at the bottom and release it at the top. In winter this is intensified as heat pushes through the top ceiling into the attic. Making matters worse, warm air carries with it humidity, that condenses in the attic and may cause other damage.

GreenSaver has several recommendations to reduce a home's heat loss to avoid ice damming:

- Seal the Attic access hatch - an attic hatch or door needs to be both insulated and weather stripped.

- Potlights - choose sealed pot lights or avoid installing them on the top floor. If you have already installed unsealed potlights, you may want to consider having a professional install an industry approved pre-made plastic cover to insulate the existing pot lights. This will allow you to seal the light box and reduce warm air from escaping.

- Bathroom Fans - these need to be ducted outside. Make sure that they are properly vented.

- HVAC Registers - if the house has air vents in the ceilings, remove the vent covers and caulk the joint between the ducting and the ceiling.

- Attic Knee-Walls - houses with half-stories have triangular attics at the edges of the uppermost floor and are therefore prone to warm air infiltration at the floor joist area.

- Duct Work Sealed and Insulated - ductwork can be poorly sealed at joints, and can leak air. In winter, ductwork that travels through an attic will leak warm moist air directly into the attic.

- Plumbing Stacks and Chimneys - these are major sources of air leakage. It is best to seal these where they pass through the attic floor. For metal chimneys inside a chase or for old masonry chimneys, you may need help from an expert to ensure proper sealing and to avoid fire hazards.

Sealing air paths that are only accessible from the attic can be a challenge. Limited access and the risk of going through the ceiling may be reason enough to hire a professional. The cost of these solutions will vary depending on the size and shape of the house, as well as the number of air leaks. The costs to make these improvements generally range from \$500 to \$2,500. This is a small investment compared to the cost of the potential water damage.

There are several ways to check for air leaks. A blower door tester can pressurize the house using a large fan and amplify the leakage. This test is part of the federal government's ecoENERGY assessment which costs between \$300 and \$375. The province of Ontario offers a 50% rebate on the assessment cost up to a maximum of \$150. Not only is the ecoENERGY assessment

affordable, it qualifies the homeowner for up to \$10,000 in federal and provincial rebates, with specific amounts for air sealing and insulation.

GreenSaver reminds homeowners to seek out the most cost-efficient long term solution for any of their home's energy problems.

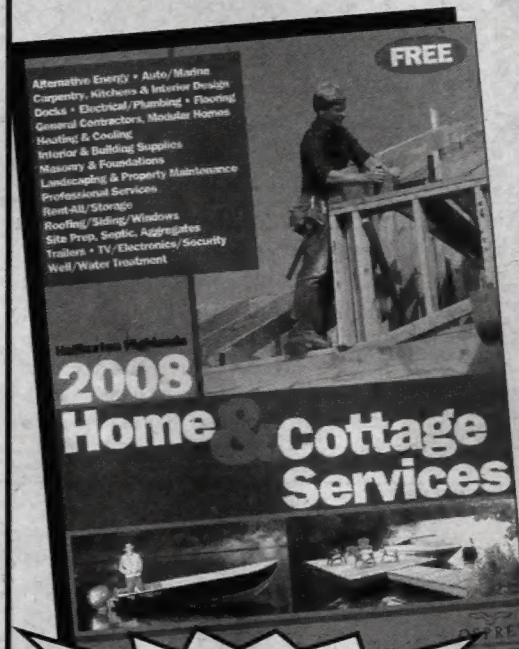
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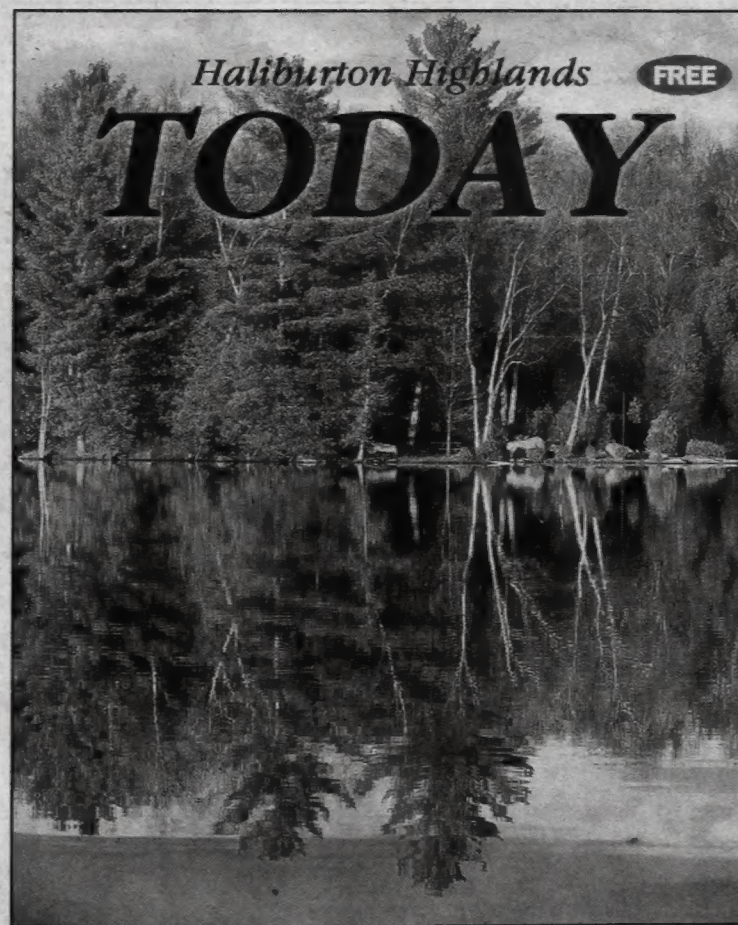
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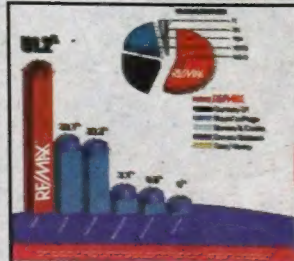
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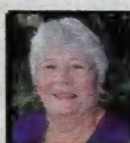
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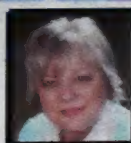
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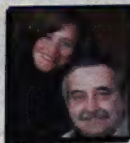
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THREE BEDROOM HOME

Oversized garage, perfect location for a home based business and on the Gull River in Norland. Call for details.

Call Lynda Litwin



Lynda Litwin
Minden Office
286-2911 Ext.35

Great opportunity to own a spectacular property overlooking Haliburton Village. Prestigious neighbourhood, year round access, driveway in and building site is cleared. Just minutes to shopping and local amenities.

Call Karen Nimigon



Karen Nimigon
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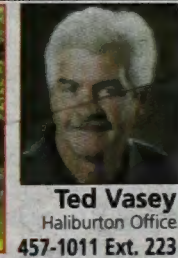
Great location at the 'Gateway to the Highlands' located at Moore Falls. Large frontage Hwy. 35 as well as 240' frontage on Moore Lake. Building is approx. 9,500 sq. ft. with C1 zoning. 2 upper apartments could provide added rental income. Previously used as a variety store & marina. Call for details. Call Tom & Gail Tempest



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309,000**GULL RIVER**

Just south of Moore Lake is this tastefully finished home - spectacular new custom kitchen plus island - rock elm flooring - w/o living rm to deck - gas fireplace - 3 bedrooms - main floor laundry - new furnace - guest cabin - heated garage - level landscaped lot - beautiful sand shoreline. Call Ted Vasey



Ted Vasey
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\$149,000**MOVE IN & ENJOY**

All of the features you need in this 2+ bdrm home. Hardwood floors, new kitchen, hardwood floors, new bathroom, patio doors, deck, sunroom & attached garage plus a storage shed! Call Melanie Vigrass



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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

- February 7th: Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament**
from 8:30 to 4:30 pm at SG Nesbitt Arena. Four divisions: Open, Over 35, Over 55 and Women. Visit www.communitycarehaliburton.com or call 457-2941. All proceeds support Community Care.
- Badminton**
Adult Badminton every Monday from 8-10 p.m. Starting September 15th to May 25th at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden. Join us for fun, fellowship, and fitness. For further information please call 286-1765.
- Haliburton Highlands Stroke Support Group**
meets the third Thursday of each month 10 a.m. -12 noon in the Fireside Lounge, Minden Hospital. This is for all stroke survivors and their caregivers. For info call Lois 286-1765.